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Attorney General John Ashcroft US Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing you today to express my opinion in regards to the settlement that was reached in November between Microsoft and the government. This settlement is fair and reasonable, and I am anxious to see this dispute resolved at the federal level.

Microsoft has agreed to all terms and conditions of this settlement. Microsoft has pledged to share more information with other companies and create more opportunities for them. Under this agreement, Microsoft must disclose for use by its competitors various interfaces that are internal to Windows operating system products. Microsoft must also make available any protocols implemented in Windows. A technical oversight committee has been created to monitor Microsoft compliance to this agreement.

This settlement will serve in the best public interest. Please support this settlement so we can focus our resources on more pressing issues. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Tej Ram